

SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2003

The Scott County School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, in the School Board Office Conference Room in Gate City with the following members present:

Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman

ABSENT: W. Mack Gilliam

Lowell S. Campbell, Vice Chairman

David T. Kindle

Glenn M. McMurray

E. Virgil Sampson, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: James B. Scott, Division Superintendent; C. Dean Foster, Jr., County Attorney; Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations; Danny L. Dixon, Director of Instruction; Loretta Q. Page, Clerk of the Board; K.C. Linkous, Deputy Clerk; Kevin Castle, Kingsport Times News; Alison Taylor and Bob Moorehouse, Scott County Education Association Co-Presidents; Willis Grimm, Yuma Community Member; Jennifer Gardner, Gate City High School Guidance Counselor/Tennis Team Coach; Audra Fritz, Lauren Musick, Ashlie Munsey, Krista Jenkins, Ashley Hicks, Heather Hicks, Brittany Eichman, and Holly Hill, Gate City High School Tennis Team Members.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and presided.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the agenda as submitted.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF GATE CITY HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM 2003 LONESOME PINE DISTRICT, REGION D, GROUP A

STATE CHAMPION: On behalf of the school board, Mr. Virgil E. Sampson, Jr. presented a resolution to Mrs. Jennifer Gardner, Gate City High School Tennis Team Coach, commending the outstanding success of the team as the 2003 Lonesome Pine District, Region D, Group A State Champion. Board members expressed pride in the accomplishment of the tennis coach and team. Mr. Sampson expressed that Mrs. Gardner is a good mentor for these students. Mr. Sampson stated that he has worked with this particular group of students in the youth group at their church.

Mrs. Gardner expressed that it is an honor to accept the resolution in recognition of the Gate City High School Tennis Team. She stated that she has been coaching tennis for nine years. She reported that some of the tennis team members are in attendance and others sent their regrets due to other commitments. Those team members in attendance introducing themselves were as follows: Audra Fritz, Lauren Musick, Ashlie Munsey, Krista Jenkins, Ashley Hicks, Heather Hicks, Brittany Eichman, and Holly Hill. Other team members unable to attend the meeting were as follows: Davina Dishner, Brittany Leonard, Kyndall Wininger, and Mallory Lane.

Mrs. Blair requested that a picture of the Gate City High School Tennis Team 2003 Champions be sent for display at the School Board Office. Mrs. Gardner stated that she would send a picture of the team for display.

Chairman Blair, board members and Superintendent Scott congratulated Mrs. Gardner and the team members and thanked them for their attendance at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No members of the audience came forth to speak during this period.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the minutes of July 1, 2003 Regular Meeting as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: On a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved payroll and claims as follows:

School Operating Fund invoices in the amount of \$384,274.58 and payroll in the amount of \$333,107.99 as shown by warrants #8058626-8058980.

Cafeteria Auxiliary Fund invoices in the amount of \$14,932.89 and payroll in the amount of \$28,236.48 as shown by warrants #1005238-1005289.

Scott County Public School Head Start invoices in the amount of \$35,646.18 as shown by warrants #2367-2426 (#2416 voided).

REPORT ON SUMMER PROGRAMS: Mr. Danny Dixon, Director of Instruction, reported that there was an increase in attendance for the summer programs from approximately 250 students last year to 375 this year. He reported numbers for the 2003 Summer Program as follows:

Primary SOL Remediation (K-2 nd)	68 students
Integrated SOL Remediation (3 rd -5 th)	44 students
SOL Remediation Middle School (6 th -8 th)	13 students
SOL Remediation High School (9 th -12 th)	16 students
Library Nights Reading Program (K-8 th)	123 students
Science in the Summer (3 rd -7 th)	98 students + 13 student helpers
-Beginning Program	43 students
-Advanced Program	55 students

He stated that he was pleased with the increase in attendance. He reported that funding the school division receives is based on the number of students served. He reported that the school division must provide at least 20 hours of instruction and that Scott County Schools provides at least 24 hours. He expressed that the increase in attendance may have been as a result of encouragement to the schools to promote the summer programs. He reported that various areas of instruction are covered during remedial summer school and that buses are operated in some areas to assist students.

APPROVAL OF POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS AND NEW POLICIES:

Superintendent Scott reported that according to law, the policy manual must be updated every five years. He stated, however, that Scott County Public Schools has been updating policies yearly to attempt to keep up with the changes in state law. Superintendent Scott provided board members the opportunity to ask questions concerning the policy manual changes. He reported that the changes were discussed with principals last week at the Principals Institute. He also reported that three copies of the policy changes are sent to the schools to update their manuals.

On a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved policy manual revisions and new policies as submitted.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK & CODE OF CONDUCT:

Superintendent Scott explained a change to the field trips. He reported that in the past schools had been taking two field trips per year and now are taking one field trip per year. He reported that currently the schools usually take field trips in the Spring after the SOL testing period. He stated that the school division could continue to assist the schools with overnight field trips if funds are available; however, he explained that a set amount of reimbursement for overnight field trips was not established. He provided an opportunity for board members to ask questions concerning the Student/Parent Handbook & Code of Conduct.

On a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, all members voting aye, the board approved the Student/Parent Handbook & Code of Conduct as submitted.

REPORT ON SURPLUS SALE: Superintendent Scott reported that personnel worked very hard on the surplus sale. He noted that this year's sale provided the most revenue when compared to prior years as shown in the following report:

<u>Date of Sale</u>	<u>#Registered</u>	<u>Sales Amount</u>
July 12, 2003	129	\$14,739.00
July 13, 2002	96	\$10,603.50
July 14, 2001	114	\$ 7,125.50

July 8, 2000	88	\$ 9,074.00
July 10, 1999	67	\$ 9,569.50
July 11, 1998	108	\$ 14,166.50
July 12, 1997	121	\$ 9,263.50
July 13, 1996	117	\$ 7,561.00
August 5, 1995	59	\$ 6,119.00
August 6, 1994	121	\$ 10,988.00
July 10, 1993	184	\$ 9,318.00
August 8, 1992	180	\$ 8,805.00
December 7, 1991	57	\$ 5,802.00
August 3, 1991	91	\$ 7,276.50

UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE PROJECTS: Superintendent Scott presented board members an update on maintenance projects as follows:

Summer 2003

Upgrade and replace heat pumps at Duffield, Shoemaker, Weber City and Yuma Elementary Schools.

Continue to lower ceilings and replace with drop in lights at various schools.

Enclose heat pumps in closets in order to reduce noise.

Finished ticket booth, concession stand, and band facility at Rye Cove High School.

2003-04 School Year

Replace windows where window air conditioning units have been removed.

Continue to lower ceilings and replace with drop in lights at various schools.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING SCHOOLS FUNDING:

Superintendent Scott and board members discussed the *Resolution in Support of Virginia's Students*, which was sent from the Virginia Association of Counties to Mr. John Strutner, County Administrator. After discussion, it was decided that no action would be taken concerning the resolution since it was very comparable to another resolution approved previously by the school board and Superintendent Scott explained that he understood that the County is approving the resolution and would be forwarding copies to legislators.

REPORT ON ASPHALT BIDS: Superintendent Scott reported that an advertisement was sent out to solicit bids for asphalt projects at Rye Cove High School, Fort Blackmore Primary School, Yuma Elementary School, and patchwork at Nickelsville Elementary School. He stated that two bids were received with one being from APAC, PO Box 686, Kingsport, TN 37662 in the amount of \$134,750 and another from Sullivan Paving, 1931 Brookside Drive, Kingsport, TN 37660 in the amount of \$117,750. He reported that, hopefully, these projects will be completed by the beginning of school.

REPORT ON COAL BIDS: Superintendent Scott reported that an advertisement was sent out and that bids solicited for stoker coal for the 2003-04 school year. He reported that one bid was received from Red River Coal Company, P.O. Box 668 Norton, VA 24273 in the amount of \$50.00 per ton. He explained that the stoker coal is purchased directly from the mine site. He stated that the school division pays someone to deliver stoker coal to the schools.

On a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the bid received from Red River Coal Company in the amount of \$50.00 per ton for the purchase of stoker coal from the company's pickup site. The contract period will be for one (1) year, October 1 through September 30, 2004, with an option to renew for three (3) consecutive one-year periods.

CLOSED MEETING: On a motion by Mr. McMurray the board entered into closed meeting at 6:25 p.m. pursuant the Virginia Code Section 2.23711A (1), as amended, to discuss personnel.

RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING: All members returned from closed meeting at 6:38 p.m. and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Sampson, the board returned to regular session and considered the following certification of the closed meeting:

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Scott County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711A of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this Scott County School Board that such meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scott County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Scott County School Board in the closed meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Beth Blair, Lowell Campbell, Glenn McMurray, Virgil Sampson

Nays: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

No action was taken concerning the personnel discussed.

EMPLOYMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Christy Crawford as a part-time physical therapist for the 2003-04 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. McMurray, seconded by Mr. Sampson, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Ms. Karen Fisher as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) for the 2003-04 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Chairman Blair, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mrs. Jennifer D. Wallace as an occupational therapist for the 2003-04 school year.

On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the employment of Mr. Aaron Tipton as a school bus driver for the 2003-04 school year.

RETIREMENT: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board accepted the retirement request of Mrs. Sammie Chris Haynes, Shoemaker Elementary School Principal, effective July 3, 2003.

RESIGNATION: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board accepted the resignation request of Ms. Betty Lois Kirkus as a school bus driver effective August 5, 2003. Mr. Johnson reported that Ms. Kirkus wishes to be listed as a substitute school bus driver.

LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE: On the recommendation of Mr. Darryl E. Johnson, Director of Operations, and on a motion by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. McMurray, all members voting aye, the board approved the leave-of-absence request of Mrs. Sharon Keller, Teaching Assistant, effective for the 2003-04 school year.

ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Blair asked administrative staff to inform Mrs. Debbie Adams, Printing Instructor, that the School Calendars were outstanding and that she had did a good job on them.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliam, all members voting aye. The next

regular meeting is to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, in the School Board Office Conference Room.

Gloria E. ?Beth? Blair, Chairman

Loretta Q. Page, Clerk

